The Jonathan Kaufman Student Excellence Prize in Physics will be awarded to someone who has demonstrated excellence in graduate level education (courses, oral and comprehensive exams, research, etc.) beginning in 2010. It is to be used primarily for research-related travel such as conferences, off-campus seminars, workshops and professional development activities.

Since Jonathan was an experimentalist, nominations of students doing experimental research will be favored during the early years of the award.

Nomination letters must come from a faculty member supervising or mentoring the nominee, and must be accompanied by a copy of the graduate transcript (obtain from department office).

Jonathan was an exemplary graduate student of outgoing and friendly demeanor, who died tragically of cancer in February, 2009. The fund was established in his memory by his friends and family.

**2018**  Xinzyang Chen  
Michael Stewart  
Sonali Gera  
Steven Sagona-Stophel

**2017**  Spencer Horton  
Ludwig Grinner

**2016**  Taichi Inaki

**2015**  John Elgin

**2014**  Mathew Madhavacheril

**2013**  Peter Sandor

**2012**  Chris Corder  
Dominik Geissler

**2011**  Bryce Gadway

**2010**  Xiaoxu Lu